

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ THE HEART...



The Bannockburn Heart is a visionary project that will create an open civic space in the centre of Bannockburn for residents and visitors.

WHAT WILL STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT INCLUDE?

- Water play splash pad and adventure play equipment
- Upgraded site for the Golden Plains Farmers' Market
- BBQ facilities and shade
- Public toilets and seating areas
- New car park
- Fitness equipment
- Garden beds and planter boxes
- Relocation of Playgroup building and Scouts shed to a new location onsite
- Paved plaza for functions, events and gatherings
- Improved lighting, safety and accessibility.

WHAT WILL STAGE TWO INCLUDE?

It is envisaged that stage two will feature a village green and performance stage, as well as further space for the Farmers' Market. Stage two is not yet funded.

WHERE IS THE PROJECT BEING BUILT?

Bannockburn Heart stage one will be built on the corner of Milton and Byron Streets, on land near the Bannockburn Library and Cultural Centre. It will incorporate the Golden Plains Farmers' Market site.

HOW LONG WILL THE PROJECT TAKE TO COMPLETE?

Please note this is an indicative timeline.

• 2017

Fire services infrastructure installed, new car park and drainage to be installed, Playgroup and Scouts shed to be relocated onsite.

• Oct 2017 – June 2018

Detailed design of stage one

• Mid 2018 – Dec 2019

Construction of stage one

WHAT WILL THE PROJECT LOOK LIKE?

An updated masterplan showing what is going where will be made available soon. You can expect a fantastic, colourful space with aspects of nature incorporated.

HOW DID THE BANNOCKBURN HEART COME ABOUT?

Bannockburn's rapidly growing population is creating challenges and opportunities for the town and surrounds. It was identified that the Shire's largest township did not have designated open community space in the town centre. The need for improved infrastructure was strongly demonstrated through community consultation in 2013 during the development of the 'Bannockburn Civic Heart Vision Report'.

WAS THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN CONSULTATION?

Extensive community consultation was undertaken in 2013 to develop a Vision Report for the project. This included a community listening post in Bannockburn, with feedback forms. This event was promoted through advertising, media releases and flyers. Bannockburn Primary School students were also heavily involved in the consultation, with almost 200 students attending a series of workshops which included take-home messages for their parents.

The Draft Vision was put out to the community for review and feedback.

Further consultation will be taking place with key users around the development of the play space.

WILL THE PLAY AREA CATER TO DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS?

The Heart's play space is being designed for various ages and abilities. The water play area will include a section for younger children as well as a larger splash pad for the older kids, and a shaded area for parents.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT AFFECT EXISTING STRUCTURES, SERVICES AND EVENTS ONSITE?

• Golden Plains Farmers' Market

Stage one works will include an upgraded site for the Market. During the construction of stage one, the monthly market will be temporarily relocated, most likely from mid-2018 for a number of months. Discussions are taking place regarding future, temporary locations.

• Playgroup and Scouts

The existing Playgroup building and Scouts shed will be relocated within the precinct in 2017, in preparation for stage one works, which commence in 2018. Both groups are being kept informed.

• CFA & SES

These buildings won't be affected until stage two. Council is currently working with the State Government and the CFA to secure funding for a new facility for the CFA and SES.

• Water tanks and diesel pumps

New water infrastructure has been installed to provide fire protection for the Bannockburn Library and Cultural Centre. This means that the water tanks and diesel pumps will no longer be needed. Council is currently investigating options for removal.

• Existing car park

A new and larger car parking space is being built onsite in 2017.

• Bannockburn Cultural Centre and Library

Works activity will change the way the public accesses these facilities. When a revised access plan has been developed, user groups and the community will be advised. Access will be restricted, but not cordoned off entirely during works.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT TAKE DISABILITY ACCESS INTO ACCOUNT?

The Bannockburn Heart will be designed so that it is accessible to as many users as possible. Disability access standards will be met, and in some cases, the Heart will go above and beyond requirements.

HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

Bannockburn Heart stage one is a \$2.6 million project—a partnership between the Federal Government, State Government and Golden Plains Shire Council.

FURTHER QUESTIONS AND QUERIES >

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